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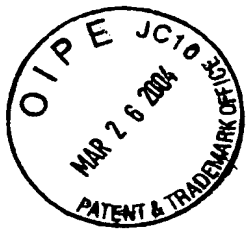
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. A copy of a foreign search report is included to explain the indicated relevance of the non-English citation(s) cited therein. A PTO 1449 (SB08) form and a copy, if required, of each item listed thereon are attached if not already of record in the subject application.

The undersigned certifies that each item of information listed on the attached PTO 1449 (SB08) was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this statement.

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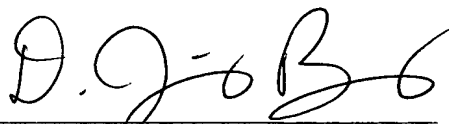
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Respectfully submitted,

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